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## AMENDMENT

In response to the Official Action dated December 10, 1998, please amend the above identified patent application as follows

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 4, and 17 - 18, as follows.

4: Delete "the" (first occurrence), line substitute - -an- -.

Claim 4, line 5: Delete "said" (first occurrence).

Claim 17. (amended) The article of furniture as claimed in